

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mischievous

NO one could accuse President Syngman Rhee of South Korea of being a sycophant. He has in fact adopted a somewhat peculiar method of endearing himself to the Western powers, laying emphasis on threats, rudeness and a dose of rich calumny for good measure. His latest offer to send a division of South Korean troops to Indo-China is presumably part of the so-called "Holy War Crusade against Communism" he has been preaching since the United Nations started getting the upper hand in the Korean war. He sees himself almost as a divinely appointed champion of the free peoples of Asia but his incredible naivety, his diplomatic blundering, his complete inability to relate the laws of cause and effect to everyday politics, even his gross underestimation of the forces he opposes (or, rather, an overestimation of the strength of his own supporters) make it very unlikely that the mantle of leadership will ever fall on his shoulders. There is his hostility to two important Asian powers—India and Japan—to begin with. And last week he offered troops to "assist the three States of Indo-China to defeat the Vietminh". The name of "France" was not even mentioned in the offer—that country which has borne the brunt of the fighting was completely ignored. Paris did not wait to receive the offer before replying "No", for the Quai d'Orsay clearly realizes that any move to bring such troops into Indo-China might induce Red China to march its own hordes across the border. Washington has the same idea. Latest cables from Seoul and Washington confirm that there is more than a suggestion of an ulterior motive in President Rhee's seemingly myopic offer—for with the confirmation of his proposals to send troops to Indo-China the South Korean Government went on to attack "some Americans" and said "our own war has been stalemated by those who pursue selfish personal interests and seek to prevent us from unifying our own country". The designs of the mischievous Dr Rhee become clearer.

The "Rebels"

IT might be imagined that Victorian imperialism would be the last thing to wave in front of the eyes of the Naguib Junta at the present stage of the discussions on how the evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal is to be effected. Yet lingering in the lobbies of Westminster is a mischievous group known within their own Conservative Party as the "rebels" whose nostalgic memories of Britain's glorious and romantic past have completely blinded their reason in the present situation. Their zeal has carried them beyond the bounds of mere patriotism to the very borders of Jingoism and this has done considerable harm to Anglo-Egyptian relations. Furthermore the rebels are undoing all the good work that Sir Robert Hankey has achieved in his painstaking negotiations with the Egyptians. The rebels do not just want settlement on British terms; the very idea of evacuation is anathema to them. There is room for concession on the points in dispute by both sides but, first, one problem which can be speedily dispatched is that of the rebels. It is up to Sir Winston Churchill to give unequivocal support to Mr Eden in his sincere and genuine attempts to solve the whole business amicably.

GOOD NEWS FOR COLONY'S ENTREPOT TRADE

Sentenced To Death

May Reap Benefits From Trade Treaty

There was good news from London yesterday for Hongkong's entrepot trade this year. Our correspondent cabled that under the new Anglo-Japanese payments agreement an extra £36.5 million worth of goods will be imported into Hongkong and Singapore from Japan this year for re-sale in neighbouring markets (See P. 9 for full report).

The total amount of Japanese goods to be imported into these two entrepot ports for re-export this year will be worth about £66 million, the correspondent said.

It is impossible to say how much of this new trade Hongkong will get. However on the assumption that it is shared equally by Singapore and Hongkong the influx of an extra £18.25 million (\$HK 292 million) worth of goods for re-sale and possibly processing and finishing in the course of the year will be welcomed by the entire business community.

Even if only a third of this trade comes through Hongkong (£12,166 million or \$HK 194,656 million) it can do much to put new life into business.

SECURITY PLAN ADVOCATED

London, Feb. 14. Former Chief of the British Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, today recommended a European security plan based on the adherence of the United States, Canada and West Germany to the five-power European Brussels pact, which was signed prior to the formation of the Atlantic alliance.

In a radio address, in which he said he was only speaking for himself, Air Marshal Slessor also recommended that the United States and Britain should commit themselves to employ the full weight of their air forces, including atomic, or even hydrogen, weapons against any possible aggressor.

Such a guarantee, Sir John said, would be at least as great as that offered by the projected European defence community.

He said that an arrangement such as that would also enable Britain and the United States to withdraw their troops from Europe and France to withdraw their forces from Germany.

Air Marshal Slessor continued that an effort should be made to obtain withdrawal of Russia's own forces from her own borders but, failing this, the three Western occupying powers should leave Germany in any case.—France-Press.

Boycott of Newspaper Demanded

Singapore, Feb. 14. A meeting claiming to represent 50 trade unions here today called upon all workers in Malaya to boycott Singapore's biggest English-language newspaper, the Straits Times and its sister publications. This is the newest development in the week-old strike of typists and other workers of the Straits Times over the dismissal of one employee. The newspaper is being published as usual with new hands.—France-Press.

Murdered Talent Scout

El Reno, Oklahoma, Feb. 14.

A 21-year-old AWOL soldier told officers today that he and a friend murdered a Hollywood talent scout after a marijuana party and were en route to the New Orleans Mardi Gras for the victim's expensive car when arrested here.

Ronald James Maurer, absent without leave from Camp Stoneham, California, had signed a confession that he and Leo Denmore, 23, of Los Angeles, clubbed and slapped 30-year-old David Johnston to death last Wednesday. Johnston's body, bloodstained and stripped of clothing, was found in a closet of his Irishman suburban cottage at Van Nuys, near Los Angeles, on Wednesday night.

Denmore did not confess and refused to talk, the police said. Maurer said he and Denmore had gone to Johnston to borrow money and the victim had "made indecent advances" which caused an argument.

The police chief, Lee Heavy, said he had questioned the pair for two days before Maurer, a handsome blonde, detailed the confession on Saturday night.—United Press.

Launch Sinks: 10 Lose Lives

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 14. At least 10 persons were drowned here today when a launch sank in Rio's Guanabara Bay. Fifteen other persons aboard the harbour boat were hurt in the accident.

The police said the launch was loaded to capacity with passengers from Rio's Portuguese colony who planned to visit the Portuguese ship Vera Cruz, which is anchored in the Bay.

Survivors said that as the launch approached the Vera Cruz it suddenly went under. Police and harbour rescue units rushed to the scene and were able to save "dozens" of people, officials said.—United Press.

Road Accidents On The Increase In Britain

London, Feb. 14. The accident rate on British roads rose again in 1953 despite a big improvement in the previous year, the Ministry of Transport reported today.

Although full figures for 1953 were not given in the report, it was stated that sufficient numbers were available to show that the improvement seen during 1952 was not maintained. The report said there were 11 per cent fewer accidents in 1952 than in 1951—despite a six per cent rise in population and a 50 per cent increase in the number of vehicles.

The 1952 figures also were nearly four per cent below those of 1951. In 1952 there were 171,757 road accidents involving injury and 208,012 persons were hurt including 4,700 killed.

On the assumption, then, that Hongkong gets a third to a half the share of these Japanese exports for re-sale, this would boost last year's figure of exports (\$HK\$2,733.7 million) by between 7.1 to 10.7 per cent on the year.

This is a very reasonable figure considering last year's exports represented a fall of \$10.5 million dollars or a decline of 5.7 per cent on the 1952 figure.

As our London correspondent points out the extra £36.5 million worth of goods to be imported into Hongkong and Singapore from Japan for re-export is included in the "colonial quota". The Dominions will also buy more from Japan under negotiations to be concluded separately. Hongkong business people predict a certain position of this trade will also come through the colony.

In addition, it has been suggested that exports to South Korea will be higher this year and there will be an increasing flow of West German exports channelled through Hongkong to the Communist bloc—all of which indicate that business in the Colony will be brighter this year.

As far as Hongkong-Japanese trade is concerned, Hongkong business people make these predictions:

- The increased trade flow should mean an increase in the purchasing power of residents.
- The processing and finishing which many of the Japanese exports will require should help to improve the colony's labour situation.
- There will be more business for ships which, too often during the last two years have been seen in the harbour either in ballast or with a meagre tonnage of general cargo.

As has been pointed out already, Hongkong businessmen do not expect Japanese exports to the colonies will affect its export markets with the exception of the local textile industry which might be "slightly affected". The general opinion is that with Japanese prices at their present high levels, the new Anglo-Japanese proposals will promote "healthy competition" in so far as Hongkong exports are concerned.

Soviet Climbers Scale Mountain

Paris, Feb. 14. The Soviet Tass News Agency reported tonight that Soviet mountain climbers had succeeded in scaling the 13,000-foot high Mt. Gournachal in Kabardin, Northern Caucasus. This is the first time this mountain has been climbed in winter. The last leg of the climb was to the summit (two days) as the climbers had to scale the blocks of ice which were very large and very strong when the snow melted.—France-Press.



After Mao's No. 2 leader, "General China", altered the year-old Warship Note, pictured after being sentenced to death at Nyeri, China, who did not seem to know or care, what the judge was saying, was given leave to appeal on legal technicalities only. The sentence is subject to confirmation by the Governor of Kenya, Sir Evelyn Baring. China was found guilty of consorting with armed persons. He was sentenced to be hanged. Sentence on the second charge of being in improper possession of ammunition was postponed.—London Express.

Vietminh Attack On Luang Prabang Believed Abandoned

Hanoi, Feb. 14. The French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, who returned here by air tonight from the royal Laotian capital of Luang Prabang, was expected to discuss with the North Vietnam commander, General Gogny, plans for a resumption of French Union initiative in Laos, where the 808th Vietminh shock division still remains about forty miles from the capital.

French military observers here tonight expressed the belief that General Vo Nguyen Giap had abandoned his plans for the 308th division to attack the capital. They pointed out that the division had broken its forced march on Luang Prabang a week ago and was still entrenched in the area around the Nam Bak River with no evidence of any further advances being shown.

Two companies of the Vietminh yesterday crossed the Mekong River north of Luang Prabang, between Pakhou and Paksiang, but the crossing, it was stated, presented no direct threat to the royal capital in view of the smallness of the Vietminh forces.

The crossing was accomplished on bamboo rafts at dawn and the Vietminh elements immediately established themselves on a bend in the river.

After his arrival here from Luang Prabang, the French Defence Minister was the guest of General Gogny at dinner. Accompanied by the War Secretary, M. Pierre de Chevigny, M. Pleven was expected to discuss with General Gogny a plan for the resumption of French Union initiative throughout the whole of North Vietnam, as well as the problems of the defence of Luang Prabang and Dien Bien Phu and their being supplied by air.

M. Pleven's exact timetable during his stay in the operational zone was being kept secret.

secret in order not to expose him to Vietminh anti-aircraft fire.

He will fly over all the operational areas and will also visit Dien Bien Phu.—France-Press.

Two companies of the Vietminh yesterday crossed the Mekong River north of Luang Prabang, between Pakhou and Paksiang, but the crossing, it was stated, presented no direct threat to the royal capital in view of the smallness of the Vietminh forces.

Another Secret Session On Big 5 Talks Proposal

Berlin, Feb. 15. The Big Four Foreign Ministers go into secret session here again today (Monday) for another attempt to agree on terms for meeting China—the one remaining item of their agenda on which they have not reached virtually unbreakable deadlock.

Even on this the positions of the Russians and the Western Powers are so far apart that agreement would demand an important sacrifice of principle by one side or the other.

The West has proposed a conference on Korea attended by the Big Four, Communist China and all the nations who fought in the war, to open in Geneva on April 15.

Mr Molotov has said he would agree to such a meeting provided it started with talks between the "Big Five" Powers, including the Peking Government, before the other Korean belligerents were invited.

This would establish China's claim to the rights of a major Power with world responsibilities. For that reason the Western Powers reject the Soviet plan. Peking is an aggressor in the eyes of the United Nations, while France and the United States have not even recognised the Chinese Communist Government.

The unknown factor is how Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese President, feels about the prospect of there being no conference at all if Mr Molotov turns down the Western formula.

what its effect would be on the Sino-Soviet pact.

This would presumably mean that Communist China would be linked to the proposed alliance, while the United States, Western Europe's greatest ally, would be offered only an "observer's" seat on the organisation.

Today's meeting on European security could well be the last session on the subject. But the debate on a conference with China, even if it reaches a deadlock today, will be resumed, in at least one open session to enable the two sides to set their arguments "on record".—Router.

Mr Molotov has said he would agree to such a meeting provided it started with talks between the "Big Five" Powers, including the Peking Government, before the other Korean belligerents were invited.

This would establish China's claim to the rights of a major Power with world responsibilities. For that reason the Western Powers reject the Soviet plan. Peking is an aggressor in the eyes of the United Nations, while France and the United States have not even recognised the Chinese Communist Government.

The unknown factor is how Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese President, feels about the prospect of there being no conference at all if Mr Molotov turns down the Western formula.

what its effect would be on the Sino-Soviet pact.

This would presumably mean that Communist China would be linked to the proposed alliance, while the United States, Western Europe's greatest ally, would be offered only an "observer's" seat on the organisation.

Today's meeting on European security could well be the last session on the subject. But the debate on a conference with China, even if it reaches a deadlock today, will be resumed, in at least one open session to enable the two sides to set their arguments "on record".—Router.

Mr Molotov has said he would agree to such a meeting provided it started with talks between the "Big Five" Powers, including the Peking Government, before the other Korean belligerents were invited.

This would establish China's claim to the rights of a major Power with world responsibilities. For that reason the Western Powers reject the Soviet plan. Peking is an aggressor in the eyes of the United Nations, while France and the United States have not even recognised the Chinese Communist Government.

The unknown factor is how Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese President, feels about the prospect of there being no conference at all if Mr Molotov turns down the Western formula.

what its effect would be on the Sino-Soviet pact.

This would presumably mean that Communist China would be linked to the proposed alliance, while the United States, Western Europe's greatest ally, would be offered only an "observer's" seat on the organisation.

Today's meeting on European security could well be the last session on the subject. But the debate on a conference with China, even if it reaches a deadlock today, will be resumed, in at least one open session to enable the two sides to set their arguments "on record".—Router.

Mr Molotov has said he would agree to such a meeting provided it started with talks between the "Big Five" Powers, including the Peking Government, before the other Korean belligerents were invited.

This would establish China's claim to the rights of a major Power with world responsibilities. For that reason the Western Powers reject the Soviet plan. Peking is an aggressor in the eyes of the United Nations, while France and the United States have not even recognised the Chinese Communist Government.

HOSPITAL ABSOLVED OF BLAME

Chicago, Feb. 14.

The Chicago Medical Society tonight absolved Woodlawn Hospital of blame in the death of a five-month-old girl whose mother charged was turned away because she had no money for a deposit.

The death of Laura Lingo on January 18 from burns had wide repercussions here, including an investigation of all hospitals to determine how they handle charity cases.

The Society said it had conducted its own investigation because the case reflected nationwide on the medical profession of Chicago and on the medical care and humane attitude offered by the hospitals of the city.

It said it found "no failure" on the part of Woodlawn Hospital or of Cook County Hospital where the child subsequently died.

A coroner's jury, however, had returned a verdict of "gross negligence" against Woodlawn. It did not recommend any further action and held the infant's death accidental.—United Press.

DISCOVER THAT DELIGHTFUL
'FLOATING-ON-AIR' SENSATION!
DRIVE THE 1954

PLYMOUTH



EXCLUSIVE NEW SHOCK ABSORBERS • SOFTER SPRINGS
SMOOTHER & QUIETER RIDE • 100 H.P. ENGINE
SAFETY RIM WHEELS • LESS STEERING EFFORT
EASY ACCESS • NO CLARE PANEL • CENTRE GLOVE BOX

GILMAN MOTORS

132 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

TELEPHONE: 56785

KING'S PRINCESS

AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20
6-9.30 P.M.

TO-DAY ONLY

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE THIS EPIC PICTURE!
BIGGEST ADVENTURE WITH PLENTY OF ACTION &
EXCITEMENT! BREAKING BOXOFFICE RECORDS!

KING'S PRINCESS

★ COMMENCING TO-MORROW ★
MORE LAUGHS AND MORE GORGEOUS
GIRLS THAN "TWIN TROUBLE"

CAPITOL LIBERTY

Tel: 7215 THE HOME OF THE "CAPITOL" PICTURES Tel: 50133
CAPITOL TOWN BOOKING OFFICE:
Wing Hong Firm, Hong Kong Hotel, Queen's Road, C.LAST 3 DAYS
DAILY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
ON PANORAMIC SCREENAlso: Latest "NEWS OF THE DAY"
COMMENCING ON THURSDAY

ROXY & BROADWAY

2nd TRIUMPHANT WEEK!
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.Admission at Usual Prices
ROXY: \$3.50, \$2.40 & \$1.50.
BROADWAY: \$3.50, \$2.40 & \$1.50.
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
Complimentary Tickets Are Not Valid For This Picture

"VAST CHANGES" IN NEW ROYAL NAVY

Royal Tours "Every Five Years"

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

The morning newspaper Argus reported from London today that Royal visits are being planned to Australia and other Commonwealth countries "at least every five years."

In a front page story, the Argus said future visits were likely to include countries or a small number of places, rather than round-the-world journeys like the present tour.

The Queen and the Duke would travel light, with a small retinue and probably use jet aircraft, the Argus said.

The newspaper added: "An idea supported by many high officials is that Prince Charles should make his first Commonwealth visit at the age of 14 with at least one of his parents."

It reported that London officials thought Prince Charles might make a tour alone when he attained his majority at 18. Princess Anne might travel when she is 16 or 17.—China Mail Special.

U.S. Politician Says:

"We'll Even Throw The Kitchen Sink At The Communists"

Washington, Feb. 14.

Chairman Dewey Short (Republican, Missouri) of the House Armed Services Committee said today he believed the United States would hit the Communists with every weapon in its arsenal if they renewed the Korean war.

Representative Short also declared that fighting would not be confined to the Korean peninsula if Red China broke the "uneasy" truce. He said further that the United States plans to build up the South Korean Army to 20 highly-trained and equipped divisions against the threat of a new war.

Covering a wide range of military subjects on the television program "Youth Wants to Know," Rep. Short said Russia is capable of delivering the atomic bomb on U.S. cities and that this country would be able to shoot down only 25 per cent of the attacking bombers.

The Missouri Republican said he did not believe either the United States or Russia was capable of blocking out the other with a single atomic "strike."

Sen. Walter F. George (Democrat, Georgia), top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned in the meantime that the United States would get involved in an Asiatic war if it sent combat troops to Indo-China, because Red China would enter the war immediately.

Sen. George also said the United States "cannot afford to neglect" the use of South Korean troops by French and native forces fighting the Communists in Indo-China. He said this also would lead to Communist Chinese intervention.

NO RENEWAL

General John E. Hull, U.S. Commander in the Far East, said last week he did not think the Reds would renew the Korean war unless they think they can win and right now they do not think so. But he expressed "concern" over the Communist air buildup in North Korea.

Representative Short was asked whether recent statements by Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles and other Administration officials meant that a new global conflict inevitably meant an atomic war.

Limiting his remarks to Korea, Representative Short said, "It is not only possible, it could very well happen" that the Communists would attack again in Korea. If they do, he said, "then our efforts and the struggle will not be confined to the Korean peninsula."

"I don't know where all we would hit," he said. "But I think we would use every weapon at our command and throw everything at the enemy but the kitchen sink, and throw that, if it is necessary."

In several recent statements, Mr. Dulles raised the possibility that the United States would retaliate directly against Red China and Russia if they engage in new aggression. Since then, the Senate has ratified a defence treaty with South Korea.

On Tuesday the boom defence vessel, Barhill, will lay moorings in the centre of the triangle. Then the Sea Savior will anchor herself directly over the main section of the Comet.

Then she will try to use her mechanical grab. If this fails, the fleet tug, Brigand, operating with Barhill, will trawl the area with steel nets.—Reuter.

Korea, which commits this country to come to the aid of the South Koreans if they are attacked again.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

Representative Short also was asked what would happen if Russia should attack the United States "tomorrow."

He said guided missiles and intercepter planes should be able to shoot down only 25 per cent of the attacking bombers and that great havoc would be wrought. He added, however, that Russia immediately would be hit with everything the United States has.

"If Russia attacks tonight," he said, "then God help Russia."

Russia will "think a long time" before attacking this country because the Soviets do not have the rubber, oil and other natural resources to fight a drawn-out mechanized war.

The only hope for the United States in the event of a third world war is its superiority in weapons and the skill of its manpower.—United Press.

Ready To Raise Comet Wreckage

Porto Azzuro, Elba, Feb. 14.

The Royal Navy has completed plans to raise the wreckage of the Comet jet airliner which crashed off Elba last month with the loss of 35 lives.

In the past week, eight major pieces of wreckage have been seen on television screens on the frigate Wakeful and the salvage ship, Sea Savior.

Underwater cameras spotted the pieces at a depth of 400 feet in a small triangle about five miles south of Elba's Calamita Point.

On Tuesday the boom defence vessel, Barhill, will lay moorings in the centre of the triangle. Then the Sea Savior will anchor herself directly over the main section of the Comet.

Then she will try to use her mechanical grab. If this fails, the fleet tug, Brigand, operating with Barhill, will trawl the area with steel nets.—Reuter.

POP

POP CERTAINLY SPARES THE ROD!

POP

POP CERTAINLY SPARES THE ROD!

More Ships Are Overseas

The Royal Navy is modernising its fleet for the "atomic age," an Admiralty spokesman announced in London yesterday. "Vast changes are taking place and the old orthodox service ship is giving way slowly to faster vessels on, over and under the sea," he said.

He also stated: "It has been alleged the Royal Navy has been whittled down to nothing—but in fact we have larger numbers of ships overseas than ever before."

London, Feb. 14.

"Prepare for atomic warfare" is the order of the day in the Royal Navy and one which is today posing the Admiralty with its biggest, post-war problem.

Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, who has styled himself "a formal naval person" is doing his utmost to give Britain's first line of defence a new look.

At a recent Cabinet meeting he was reported to have urged all service departments to make every effort to adapt their organisation to the atomic age, both by preparing to use atomic weapons and by preparing defences against them.

This is raising difficult problems, particularly over naval construction because the type of fleet best suited to atomic warfare and they have only a "mothball" fleet and a limited budget to operate with.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, put the problem in a nutshell when he told Parliament during the debate on Navy Estimates last year a great part of the British fleet was of pre-war or war-time construction.

5 BATTLESHIPS

The current edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" said the British fleet today comprises 11 aircraft carriers, five battleships, 20 cruisers, 107 destroyers, 161 frigates and 63 submarines.

It said there was anything from 11 to 17 years' time lag in the overall building programme for the Royal Navy, which was now "dated" as far as capital ships were concerned. Of the five battleships, four were said to be 11 to 13 years old and of the six largest aircraft carriers, five were said to be nine to 13 years old, while 21 of the 26 cruisers were said to be 11 to 25 years old.

But despite these suggestions of obsolescence and what was said to have been "mis-read" in Parliamentary statements, "Jane's Fighting Ships" said the British Navy "is still the second largest navy in the world, second only to that of the United States."

The Admiralty estimates the total naval strength today to be about 151,000 tons compared with 129,000 in 1939.

STRESSES & STRAINS

"It has been alleged that the British Navy has been whittled down to nothing but it may surprise a number of our allies to know that we have larger numbers overseas than ever before," a spokesman said.

The spokesman explained that although the British Empire may have shrunk the British armed forces' commitments overseas had increased.

The Navy, he said, had made a full contribution to the United Nations effort in Korea. It had to maintain effective forces in the South Pacific, South Asia and the Persian Gulf besides the Mediterranean and East Africa.

All the stresses and strains of events in Iran and the Suez Canal Zone had been felt in the Navy—even to the dispatch of forces to the Caribbean area in cope with the threat of Communism in colonial territory there.

"All this activity, combined with the fact that the Navy estimates have been kept within strict economy limits, have tended to restrict the much needed programme for preparing the Fleet for atomic war."

"But don't imagine that because no official announcements are being made that nothing is being done," the spokesman said.

"VAST CHANGES"

He said, in fact, "vast changes" are taking place and that the old orthodox service ship is giving way slowly to faster vessels on, over and under the sea—planes faster than sound, fast submarines that can play submerged for weeks.

All of which presents another problem of training and keeping personnel in the service when the atomic and electronic age offers higher wages and less risks in civilian life.

Navy personnel today, from the able seaman to the admiral, have to train for atomic warfare.

The identifying badges of the seamen's various ratings are unrecognisable today by pre-war navy men—each rating calling for some specialised course either in electronics or some phase of atomic damage control.

Even the lowly stoker today is a specialist in jet turbines or high efficiency diesel engines and already courses have started for training in atomic propulsion—all of which adds to the British navy's problems.—United Press.

have shrunk the British armed forces' commitments overseas had increased.

The Navy, he said, had made a full contribution to the United Nations effort in Korea. It had to maintain effective forces in the South Pacific, South Asia and the Persian Gulf besides the Mediterranean and East Africa.

All the stresses and strains of events in Iran and the Suez Canal Zone had been felt in the Navy—even to the dispatch of forces to the Caribbean area in cope with the threat of Communism in colonial territory there.

"All this activity, combined with the fact that the Navy estimates have been kept within strict economy limits, have tended to restrict the much needed programme for preparing the Fleet for atomic war."

"But don't imagine that because no official announcements are being made that nothing is being done," the spokesman said.

"VAST CHANGES"

He said, in fact, "vast changes" are taking place and that the old orthodox service ship is giving way slowly to faster vessels on, over and under the sea—planes faster than sound, fast submarines that can play submerged for weeks.

All of which presents another problem of training and keeping personnel in the service when the atomic and electronic age offers higher wages and less risks in civilian life.

Navy personnel today, from the able seaman to the admiral, have to train for atomic warfare.

The identifying badges of the seamen's various ratings are unrecognisable today by pre-war navy men—each rating calling for some specialised course either in electronics or some phase of atomic damage control.

Even the lowly stoker today is a specialist in jet turbines or high efficiency diesel engines and already courses have started for training in atomic propulsion—all of which adds to the British navy's problems.—United Press.

Plane Crashes Into Building

Birmingham, Alabama, Feb. 14.

An unidentified plane crashed into a building near Municipal Airport today, an official in the control tower reported.

The official said the plane was not believed to be a commercial airliner.—United Press.

THE FILM PRESENTS THE THRILLING & WONDERFUL NUMBERS PERFORMED BY THE CIRCUS ARTISTS OF USSR. WITH A SPLENDID SCENE & GLORIOUS COLOR.



with English Subtitles at STAR THEATRE

4 SHOWS TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

5 SHOWS TO-DAY
AT 12.30, 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

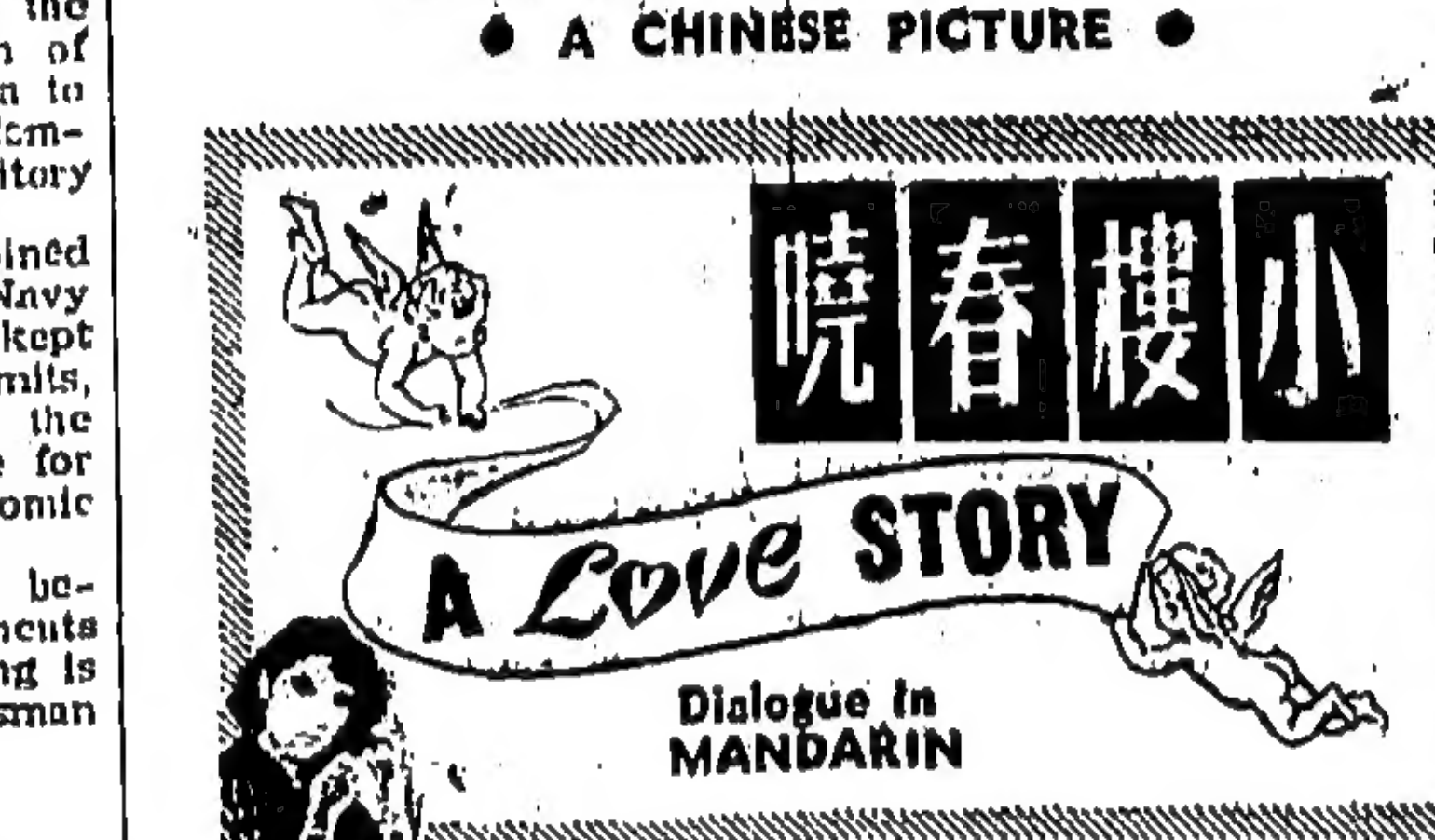
★ TO-DAY ONLY ★



John WAYNE as "HONDO"
MORROW! Filmed in New Deluxe Warner Color

LEE Theatre GREAT WORLD

★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
• A CHINESE PICTURE •



• NEXT CHANGE •



TO-DAY ONLY MAJESTIC AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.



★ COMMENCING TO-MORROW ★
Louis Hayward • George Saunders • Joan Bennett
in "SON OF MONTE CRISTO"

EMPIRE MAJESTIC

★ COMMENCING TO-MORROW ★



ADDED ATTRACTION: "PILGRIMAGES OF THE PACIFIC"

Under control

Take care of your eyes for 85% of all knowledge is acquired through them.

CHINESE OPTICAL CO.
Optician
Kowloon

"CONCENTRATION CAMP" IN MALAYA

Where Reds Punish "Banished" Party Members

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 14.

The Malayan communists have established a concentration camp where punished members of the party those whose services were no longer considered useful were "banished."

US Marines Must Investigate "Ratting"

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Marine Corps believes that military discipline would suffer a "critical" blow if it failed to investigate thoroughly American prisoners who broke under Communist pressure in Korea. It was disclosed today.

The Marine Commandant General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., said in a statement to Chairman Leverett Saltonstall (Republican, Massachusetts) of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the "ultimate aim" is to make clear that the Corps "does not condone cowardice or treasonable acts."

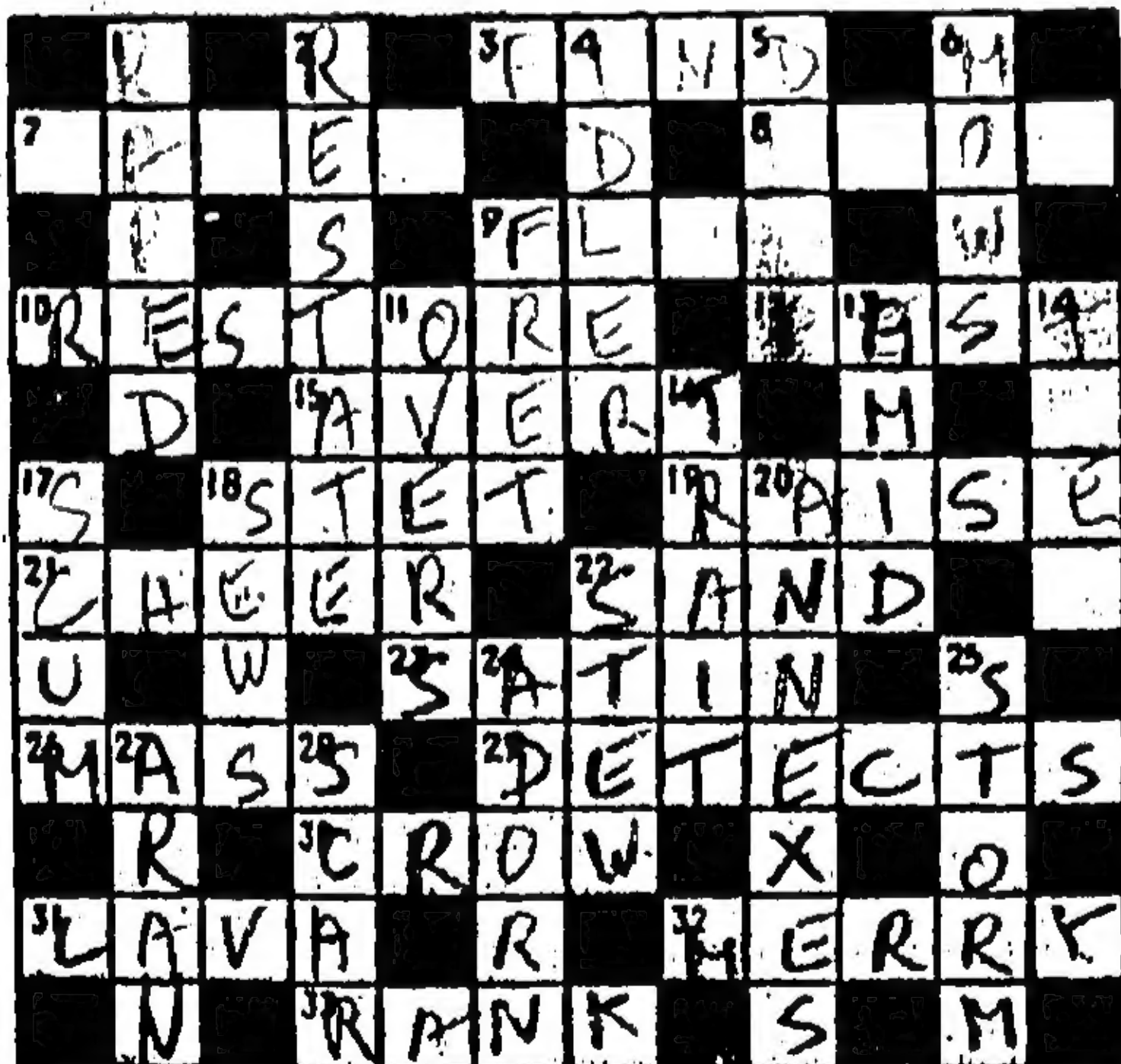
General Shepherd said the Marines wanted to minimize the possibility of future acts of weakness by Americans in any new encounter with the Communists.

The official Marine position was revealed as a Marine court of inquiry prepared to open a fact-finding investigation on Tuesday into the case of Col. Frank H. Schwable, Marine colonel who signed a false "germ warfare" confession while a prisoner of the Reds.

The Air Force has set up a special top-level board to study the cases from 80 to 100 airmen who signed false confessions or were accused of "ratting" on fellow prisoners.

The board will recommend whether the men be cleared or subjected to disciplinary action. The Schwable inquiry is the first of its kind in the history of U.S. armed forces. General Shepherd noted that a host of problems were involved, including the fact that never before had U.S. prisoners of war been subjected to such "degradation" and "cunning" torture.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Discover (4).
 - Repose (5).
 - Cheat (4).
 - Smoke-duct (4).
 - Put back (7).
 - Insect (4).
 - Ward off (5).
 - Printing instruction (4).
 - Elevate (5).
 - Applaud with shouts (5).
 - Sometimes found at the seaside (4).
 - Material (5).
 - Volume (4).
 - Spots (7).
 - Small (4).
 - Volcanic discharge (4).
 - Gay (5).
 - Course (4).

- DOWN
- Swift (5).
 - Say again (7).
 - Loafers (5).
 - Attracted (4).
 - Cuts grass (4).
 - Worry (4).
 - Bowled in cricket (5).
 - Among (4).
 - Victim (4).
 - Feature (5).
 - Dress (4).
 - Billions (4).
 - Takes over (7).
 - Simmer (4).
 - Bedrock (5).
 - Tempest (5).
 - Nomad (4).
 - Blamish (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Stolid, 7. China, 9. Swarm, 10. School, 11. Rain, 12. Contrails, 13. Item, 14. Drab, 15. Contingent, 22. Trot, 23. Oracle, 24. Balm, 25. Hang, 27. Treaty, 28. Limit, 29. Limit, 30. Dismal, 31. Scoring, 32. Halt, 33. Host, 34. Admit, 35. Cadet, 36. Saboteur, 37. Actor, 38. Actor, 39. Noble, 40. Edict, 41. Noble.

This Is What Happened When The Dikes Burst In Italy



Boats had to be used as transport at Isola Camerini, Po Valley, Italy, when the dike burst at Forti and Maddalena following on the grim cold weather prevalent all over Europe. Hundreds of acres were flooded and many inhabitants were evacuated.—Express Photo.

US War-Time Prosecutor Says:

Sen. McCarthy "Has Outrageously Abused His Powers"

Boston, Feb. 14.

United States Prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, Brigadier-General Telford Taylor, said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican Chairman of the Senate Investigations Committee, had "outrageously abused" his powers.

General Taylor, a reserve officer who has been denounced by the Senator as a "security risk," was speaking at a meeting of the Boston chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

He attacked Senator McCarthy's probe last November of an alleged "spy ring" in the American Army's Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. (Senator McCarthy alleged in advance that "top Soviet scientists had acquired secret material from the laboratory. Thirty-three scientists were temporarily suspended, though the army announced that no spy charges would be laid against them.)

General Taylor declared today that his inquiry by Senator McCarthy "has been damaging, rather than helpful from the standpoint of security, and morale of that vital military installation and has undermined respect for law and legal procedure."

DISTORTED VERSION

General Taylor said: "The Senator's one-man committee outrageously abused its power to conduct hearings in execution of its duties."

MP's Warning On Jobs In UK Industry

London, Feb. 14.

Labour Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Trade Union Congress, Mr. Tom O'Brien, said in Manchester today that "our great task this year will be to keep our jobs."

"The Labour Government gave full employment," said Mr. O'Brien, "but if the free markets of the world become closed to us full employment will vanish like the recent snows."

He said, "Already contracts worth millions of pounds traditionally placed with British industries are being cancelled and transferred to other countries. The serious danger is that they will be lost for ever."

Mr. O'Brien then said that the kind of wages and profits the British people would get in 1955 and 1956 would depend on the contracts other countries gave to Britain.

"Wasteful thinking about a future socialist state will not make people buy our goods. We must have a social consciousness and a sense of public duty in industry now or we shall never reach socialism," he added.—France-Press.

FREAK STORM

A freak storm blanketed Tokyo and the vicinity with two and a half inches of snow on Sunday, killing one person. In Yokohama port, more than 60 ships were forced to stand by or halt their loading operations for several hours by the storm which assumed a blizzard violence.—United Press.

America Has Photos Of Russia's Two Latest Bombers

Washington, Feb. 14.

An authoritative American aircraft industry magazine, Aviation Week, today published photographs of the Russian Air Force's two latest heavy bombers. It claimed exclusive publication of the photographs outside Russia.

It said that more than 400 of these aircraft—the six engine Tupolev 200 and four engine Ilyushin 38—were based across Northern Russia. Some had made high altitude routine observation flights above the Alaskan and Canadian defence perimeter.

Both aircraft were swept-wing turbo-prop types faster than piston engine aircraft and had a longer range than ordinary jets. The Tupolev resembled the American B-36—largest military aircraft in service in the United States—and was known to the Russians colloquially as the "Amerika," said the magazine.

Its top speed was 465 miles an hour, compared with the B-36's 453 mph. Its range was 4,800 miles while the B-36 could fly 10,000 miles with a 10,000-lb bomb load. Its service ceiling was 50,000 feet compared with the B-36's 45,000 plus feet.

The IL-38—designed by Sergei Ilyushin and originally called the type 81—had a span of 168 feet, a length of 132 feet, a top speed of 480 miles an hour, a ceiling of 50,000 feet and a range of 3,000 miles. Its four turbo-prop engines were rated at 4,850 horsepower each compared with 3,500 horsepower for the Pratt and Whitney piston engines on the B-36.

Aviation Week said more than 400 of the two types of bombers were reported to be based in Northern Russia "across the Polar ice cap from the North American continent." Reconnaissance versions, it added, have made routine flights "at extreme altitudes above the Alaskan-Canadian defence perimeter."

Military observers recalled that Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson in budget hearings last year described the Red Air Force as mainly a "defensive" force. He later told a news conference the Soviets' new bombers, an offensive weapon, appeared to be a copy of America's World War II B-29.

LAST WAR "SPELL" Air Secretary Harold E. Tullott reported last August, however, that there was "evidence" the Russians were "developing and probably producing a heavy turbo-prop bomber comparable to our B-36."

Former Air Secretary Thomas K. Finletter had said substantially the same thing in March, 1952.

Aviation Week said its photographs and accompanying information "confirm the rapid build-up of offensive air power within the Soviet Union."

Defensive armament of the planes, the magazine said, shows

China-Tibet Phone Link

Paris, Feb. 14.

The Communist New China News Agency reported today a long-distance radiophone service between Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet, and the cities of Peking and Chungking had been opened to the public by the Tibet Postal and Telecommunication Administration.

The agency added that further radiophone services were to be opened later between Lhasa and Lanchow in Northwest China, and between Lhasa and Chengtu in Southwest China.—France-Press.

Gwalior, India, Feb. 14.

A village near here has a shop without attendants.

Customers just take what they want and drop the money in a small box according to the price list hung in the shop. The goods are replaced by the manager.

The shop, which relies on the customers' honesty, is being run in Khari village in Bilaspur district, about 200 miles south of Gwalior.—China Mail Special.

that Russian engineers are "still under the spell" of the World War II B-29 system. Five non-retractable gun turrets are used in the TU-200. Obviously they slow down the plane. The B-36 has retractable turrets and later American bombers, relying mainly on high speed for defence, have only remote-control operated tail guns.—United Press and Router.

Tory "Rebel" Defends

His Suez Canal Policy

London, Feb. 14.

Patrick Matland, one of the group of "rebel" Conservative Members of Parliament who oppose the Prime Minister's current policy toward Egypt, said in a letter to the influential Sunday Observer today:

"Your comment of last Sunday said that the choice for Britain in the present negotiations with Egypt is between an agreement now on terms designed to maintain a base useful to us in the Canal Zone for seven years after our withdrawal, or a withdrawal in two years leaving us with no base at all.

"This is not defeatism or appeasement but plain fact. If Egypt accepts arbitration in 1956 under the terms of the 1936 treaty, there is little doubt that the judgment will go in her favour.

"Any arbitration in or after 1956 must relate to the simple question of fact whether or not the Egyptian Army, by its own resources, is capable of ensuring the entire security and freedom of navigation of the Canal.

"Unless the Egyptian Army by that time has its own independent sources of armament it cannot be said to be able by its own responsibilities to discharge this responsibility.

"You add: 'The attempt by the Tory rebels to link the Egyptian defence negotiations with the status of the Suez Canal itself as an international waterway is misleading.' One point disclosed by an examination of the status of the Suez Canal area of Egyptian behaviour toward it is that Egypt is in breach of the Suez Canal convention. Egypt is also in breach of a series of other agreements. On the face of it, therefore, there is no reason to expect the present Egyptian government to carry out the terms of any new agreement."

"OBSERVER'S COMMENT" Commenting on Mr. Matland's letter, the Observer said: "It would be rash to assume that an impartial international tribunal would judge the Egyptian Army, whatever its wartime limitations, incapable of performing its task in the postwar conditions, to which the 1936 treaty closely relates.

"Nor would it be likely to give such a judgment on the ground that the Egyptian Army's resources must exclude armaments obtained from abroad. Methods of supply used by many other sovereign nations, including Britain, 'We did not deny that, in the special instance of her embargo on goods for Israel, Egypt is breaking the Suez Canal convention. But this is a matter for international action, not for handling in the context of the bilateral treaty negotiations.'"

"As to Mr. Matland's concluding words, a refusal to make terms with Egypt would mean that in 1956 we should almost certainly have to fight a war of aggression covering the entire Middle East. And in the event we should be dealing with military resources staying for years in a base without a base. It would be a disaster."

China Mail Special.

Kremlin Campaign Cracks Down On "Get-rich-quick Spivs"

The Russian "spiv" (speculator) is on the run in the face of a determined campaign to curb middlemen and "get-rich-quick" idlers.

Newspaper publicity suggests that Soviet law officials have opened a drive against practices under which speculators buy up goods in short supply and sell them again at a high profit.

"Many factories and many organizations are to blame for the fact that so many years ago speculators have been carrying out their nefarious activities unpunished in Moscow," the newspaper Truth stated.

The appearance of speculators and speculation in our time is caused by the absence of official goods. Speculation is a necessary

difficulty, parasites and lovers of easy gain buy up those goods which are in short supply for the purpose of reselling them, thereby doing nothing but harm to the people and causing the population much inconvenience."

A typical case reported here was of a 75-year-old woman, a husband and wife who built a country house and acquired a car, a motor-cycle, a television set and expensive furniture on the proceeds of speculation.

About 240,000 "spivs" are estimated to be active in the country, and 600,000 kilograms

Moscow, Feb. 14.

(nearly 18 hundredweights) of textiles were discovered in their Moscow home.

Truth branded the speculator as a "parasite and predator" and a "wandering parasite" who "steals" from the people.

"Anyone having measures to the service of speculation should be ostracized," it declared.

China Mail Special.

RED-HOT DAYS FOR THE RED-HUNTERS

By Frederick Ellis

Washington. "GLAD to know you," drawled the Red-hunting Senator Joe McCarthy when I met him at a swell dinner, given to honour a fellow-hunter now to be a judge.

Then he cracked with a disarming smile: "Do you see any horns?" For Senator Joe is highly amused at he is regarded in Britain as doing the work of the devil.

Joe is in strict contrast with his pencil-slim, pretty wife Jean, whom he married recently. As the Americans say, "She is quite a dish."

Big hand

THE senator is battle-browed, heavy-jawed, with thinning hair. He looks more like a bookmaker than a top-flight politician.

But when veteran Senator Pat McCarran, the only Democrat at this Republican dinner, described Joe McCarthy as "the son of a bitch who has done a colossal job, despite villainous, there was uproar."

The whole 250 diners rose to a man and woman. They clapped. They cheered. They even whistled. It was a startling performance.

It was the biggest demonstration of the evening—as evening when I rose and sank back in my seat almost to exhaustion as one Red-hunter after another was given the big hand.

Do not underestimate the impact of this McCarthyism. Maybe not all America is sold on the turbulent senator. But the majority of Americans I meet believe in what he stands for—the fight against the Communist menace.

Deep belief

I LISTENED to speech after speech from prominent Republicans, senators and Congressmen as they vied with one another to whip up hate against the Reds—real or imaginary.

"Communism and subversiveness is the spearhead of military action," said Senator Jenner, boss of another Red-hunting Senate committee.

And they say it with the passion of deep belief in a cause. Anyone who does not believe in the Red menace is dubbed "egg head" by the fanatics.

McCarthy gets most of the headlines in this business. Close runner-up is Harold Velde (pronounced Veldy), 43-year-old Congressman from Pekin, Illinois—so named because it lies on the same latitude as the city in Red China.

Velde is chairman of the powerful Un-American Activities Committee of Congress. And whereas America's Uncle Joe hunts his Reds only in the service of the Government, past or present, Velde can summon the whole American people.

I called on the rugged Congressman at his two-room

office close to the Capitol. On the wall is a startling, vicious-looking mounted blue salfish, something like a swordfish. "I caught it off Miami last summer. It weighed 51lb. and is 7ft. 11in. long," rattled Velde.

A powerful man physically, he is more than powerful politically. Powerful enough to live down sending for ex-President Truman for investigation by the Un-American Activities Committee.

Velde did that off his own bat without consulting the rest of his committee. It started a political storm that has only just simmered down.

On the walls of Velde's office, as in McCarthy's, are portraits of his work against Communists. Although Joe McCarthy and Velde are regarded with some amusement in Britain, they are a powerful force in Red-conscious America.

Heat's off

"The heat's off Europe now," proclaims Velde. "We are the main target." So the heat is on the Reds, near-Reds, pale pinks, and almost anyone who is not a Republican, the party which has President Eisenhower at the White House. (It's gleaming white, by the way.) Like McCarthy, who is his great friend, Congressman Velde comes from the Middle West—the wheat belt around Chicago.

That was the prewar centre of isolation. Now it is the centre of McCarthyism. And the McCormick newspapers which supported isolation back McCarthy. They and their supporters are the extreme Right-wing of the Republicans.

At a party in a lush hotel where I first met Velde, stripped to shirt-sleeves like the rest of us in the overheated room, cracks were being made about "Fascists"—for some Americans regard them as such.

These anti-McCarthyites compare the witch-hunt tactics with those of Hitler prewar. With Hitler the target was the Jews. With McCarthy the Reds.

But make no mistake about this. The hysteria over Communism in this country is red hot—and anyone who goes after the Communists gets the public's applause.

Velde, who represents the same district as slave-emancipator Abraham Lincoln, does not look a dangerous man. He oozes charm and has an engaging smile.

A widower with two children, he will be a grandfather in two months' time. His daughter Joan, who is 21, is married to a U.S. Navy ensign.

No treason

VELDE (here they pronounce it "an-tye," with the accent on the second syllable) justifies his probes because, under the Constitution of the United States, there is no such thing as treason in peacetime.

Citizens can only be charged with treason when guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

So three Capitol committees—the Senate sub-committee (McCarthy), the Un-American (Velde), and the Internal Security (Senator Jenner) fight the Red menace, real or imaginary, by exposing suspects to a fierce public probe.

But the public probes take place only after secret sessions have been held. Most of the sessions are private, ending with the suspects being cleared.

Velde is well qualified as a Red-prober, for he is a former G-man of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and there is no doubt he passionately believes that America is being undermined by Communists in secret pockets—in Government offices, in the Services, and factories.

Election aim

THE cynics have another explanation for this Red-hunting. They say the Republicans are cashing in on the anti-Red feeling to ensure victory at the elections in November.

The Democrat Administration of Roosevelt and Truman are big anti-Red targets. With Republicans and Democrats equal in the Senate, and Eisenhower with a majority of only four in Congress, this year's election is vital.

So, say the cynics, the Right-wing Republicans are going all out on the Red-hunt to win votes.

TAILPIECE: On the hotel table at which I am typing there is a notice telling me what to do in the event of an "enemy attack." I must go outside my room and "lie near a corridor wall." Boy, get me a pink girl!

DONALD LUDLOW Reporting America

Hamburger Frees Kidnappers

NEW YORK. RIDICULOUS verdicts are given by all-women juries, says Judge Richard B. Austin, of Chicago.

He cited the case of two kidnappers who, caught red-handed, were yet found innocent in less than 10 minutes.

Amazed, Judge Austin asked the all-women jury why. They said that the victim said one of the men had brought him a soft drink and a hamburger. The police, they insisted, should have found out which man it was.

The judge, by the way, was addressing a men's club.

THAT WAR on too dear coffee: Two Philadelphia hotels, the John Bartram and Sylva, are giving guests a five-cent cash bonus for every other kind of beverage they drink.

And they say: "We're saving money too."

AMERICA reads more and more daily newspapers. Sales for 1953 averaging a record 54,472,280 copies among the population of 160 million.

Of the 1,785 dailies, 1,043 are in cities with fewer than 25,000 people.

THE daily line-up of suspects, dredged overnight from New York's underworld, is to be televised on a closed circuit from the Manhattan to the Brooklyn police headquarters.

If the experiment is helpful, TV screens are likely to be installed at all main stations in New York, so that detectives can tune in on the Rogues Gallery every morning.

THOSE "doctors" and "nurses" who plug foods and cigarettes and patent medicines on TV will have to be the real thing if the Thomas C. Desmond gets his way.

He has introduced a Bill in the New York State Legislature demanding that these white-gowned salesmen, often with stethoscopes draped round their necks, be required to hold medical licences.

"We've had enough of these phoney scientists," he says. "They fool the public and bring discredit on the medical profession."

"You saw nothing strange or inconsistent in the narrative of Miss Murray?"

"Strange, horrible, yes," I confessed. "But inconsistent? Surely not."

"Yet you yourself have been the first to protest about it."

"My dear fellow, I have uttered not one word of protest this morning."

"Not this morning, perhaps," said Sherlock Holmes. "Ah, Inspector Mac! We are met upon the occasion of another problem."

★ ★ ★

In the shattered window, stepping carefully over fallen shards of glass, appeared a freckled-faced sandy-haired young man with the dogged stamp of the police officer.

"Great Scott, Mr. Holmes, you don't call this a problem?" exclaimed Inspector MacDonald, raising his eyebrows. "Unless the question is why Colonel Warburton went mad?"

"Well, well," said Holmes good-naturedly. "I presume you will allow us to enter?"

"Aye, and welcome," retorted the young Scot.

We found ourselves in a lofty, narrow room which, though furnished with comfortable chairs, conveyed the impression of a barbaric museum. Mounted on an ebony cabinet facing the windows stood an extraordinary object: the effigy of a human face, brown and gilded, with two great eyes of some hard and glittering blue stones.

"Pretty little thing, isn't it?" grunted young MacDonald. "That's the death-mask that seems to affect 'em like a Highland spell, Major Earnshaw and Captain Lasher are in the den now, talking their heads off."

To my surprise, Holmes, who glanced at the hideous object,

"I take it, Inspector Mac," said he, as he wandered about the room peering into the glass cases and display cabinets, "you have already questioned all the inmates of this house?"

"Men, I've done nothing else!" groaned Inspector MacDonald. "But what can they tell me? This room was locked up. The only man who committed a crime, in shooting himself and his wife, is dead. So far as the police are concerned, the case is closed. What now, Mr. Holmes?"

Mr. friend had stooped suddenly.

"Hullo, what's this?" he cried, examining a small object which he had picked up off the floor.

"Merely the stub of Colonel Warburton's cigar which, as you see, burned a hole in the carpet," replied MacDonald.

"Ah. Quite so."

Even as he spoke the door burst open and there entered a portly elderly man whom I presumed to be Major Earnshaw. Behind him, accompanied by Cora Murray, her hand on his arm, came a tall young man with a broad high-nosed face and a guardman's moustache.

"I understand, Sir, that you are Mr. Sherlock Holmes," began Major Earnshaw stiffly. "I must say at once that I cannot perceive the reason why Miss Murray should have called you in to this private tragedy."

★ ★ ★

"Others might perceive the reason," replied Holmes quietly. "Did your uncle always smoke the same brand of cigar, Captain Lasher?"

"Yes, sir," replied the young man, with a puzzled glance at Holmes. "There is the box on the side table."

We all watched Sherlock Holmes in silence as he went across and picked up the box of cigars. For a moment he peered at the contents and then, lifting the box to his nose, he sniffed deeply.

"Dutch," he said. "Miss Murray, you are quite right in your affirmation. Colonel Warburton was not mad."

MAJOR EARN-SHAW uttered a loud snort, while the younger man, with better manners than his senior, attempted to hide his amusement by smothering his moustache.

"Duce knows we are all very relieved to have your assurance, Mr. Holmes," said he. "Doubtless you deduce it from the colonel's taste in cigars."

"Partly," my friend answered gravely. "Dr. Watson can inform you that I have given some attention to the study of tobacco and that I have even ventured to embody my views in a small monograph listing 100 separate varieties of tobacco ash. Colonel Warburton's taste in cigars merely confirms the other evidence. Well, MacDonald?"

A frown had settled on the Scotland Yard man's face and his small light-blue eyes peered at Holmes suspiciously from beneath his sandy eyebrows. "Evidence? What are ye driving at, mon!" he cried suddenly.

"Why, it's as plain as a pike-staff. The colonel and his wife are both shot in a room that is locked, bolted and barred from the inside. Do you deny it?"

"No."

"Then let us stick to the facts, Mr. Holmes."

My friend had strolled towards the ebony cabinet and with his hands behind his back was

The Adventure Of The Sealed Room

now engaged in contemplating the hideous painted face that stared above his head.

"By all means," he replied. "What is your theory to account for the locked door, Inspector Mac?"

"That the Colonel himself locked it for privacy."

"Quite so. A most suggestive circumstance."

"It is suggestive merely of the madness that drove Colonel Warburton to his dreadful deed," answered MacDonald.

"Come, Mr. Holmes," interposed young Lasher. "We all know your reputation for serving justice through your own clever methods and naturally we are as keen as mustard to clear poor uncle's name. But, devil take it, there is no way round the evidence and whether we like it or not we are forced to agree with the inspector here that Colonel Warburton was the victim of his own insanity."

Holmes raised one long thin hand.

"Colonel Warburton was the victim of a singularly cold-

to me and I had paused on the stairs to answer her inquiry whether I would be staying for dinner when a loud report rang through the house. Mrs. Hudson clutched at the banister.

"There, sir, he's at it again," she wailed. "Them dratted pistols. And not six months since he blew the points off the mantelpiece in the interests of justice, Mr. Holmes said. Oh, Dr. Watson, sir, if you don't get up there quick, like as not it will be that expensive gasogene that will have gone this time."

Throwing the worthy woman a word of comfort, I raced up the stairs and threw open the door of our old sitting-room just as a second report rang out. Through a cloud of pungent black powder smoke, I caught a glimpse of Sherlock Holmes. He was lounging back in his armchair, clad in a dressing-gown, with a cigar between his lips and a smoking revolver poised in his right hand.

"Ah, Watson," he said languidly.

"Good heavens, Holmes, this is really intolerable," I cried. "The

at last to the grim realities of the night.

Holmes crossed to his desk and, in the pool of light cast by the green-shaded reading lamp, I caught the grave expression on his face as he opened a drawer and took out a life-preserver.

"Slip this into your pocket, Watson," said he. "I fancy that our man may be inclined to violence. Now, Mr. Mac, as Mrs. Hudson has probably been in bed an hour since, if you are ready we will step downstairs and hail the first hansom."

★ ★ ★

It was a clear starlit night and a short drive through a network of small streets carried us across Edgware Road. At a word from Holmes, the cabby pulled up at a corner, and as we alighted I saw the long expanse of Cambridge Terrace stretching away before us in an empty desolation of lamplight and shadow. We hurried down the street and turned through the gate leading to our destination.

MacDonald nodded towards the planks which now blocked the shattered window.

"They're loose on one side," he whispered. "But move carefully."

There was a slight creaking and, an instant later, we had squeezed our way past the boards to find ourselves in the utter darkness of Colonel Warburton's curio room.

Holmes had produced a dark lantern from the pocket of his invarness, and following its faint beam we groped our way along the wall until we came to an alcove containing a couch.

"This will do," whispered my friend. "We might have found a worse roost and it is near enough to the fireplace for our purposes."

★ ★ ★

The night was singularly quiet and, as it turned out, our vigil a dreary one. Once, some belated revellers went by in a hansom, the sound of their singing and the clipp-clap of their hoofs gradually dying away towards Hyde Park and, an hour or so later, there came to us the deep rumbling gallop of a fire-engine tearing furiously along Edgware Road with a clamour of bells and the sharp pistol-shot cracking of the driver's whip. Otherwise the silence was unbroken save for the ticking of a grandfather clock at the other end of the room.

★ ★ ★

The atmosphere which was heavy with the aromatic mustiness of an Oriental museum began to weigh me down with an increasing lethargy until I had to concentrate all my faculties to keep myself from falling asleep.

I have referred to the utter darkness, but to my eyes grew accustomed to the conditions of light from some distant street lamp seeping through the unboarded french window, and I was idly following its path when my gaze fell upon something that brought a chill to my senses. A face, faint and nebulous, yet dreadful as the figment of a nightmare, was glaring down at me from the far end of that dim radiance. I must have started involuntarily, for I felt Holmes lean toward me.

"The mask," he whispered. "Our own trophy is likely to be less impressive but rather more dangerous."

LEANING back in my seat I tried to relax, but the slight relief had turned my thoughts into a new field of conjecture. The sinister white-clad figure of Chundra Lal, Colonel Warburton's Indian servant, arose in my mind's eye and I attempted to recall the queer words uttered by Miss Murray in describing the effect of the death-mask upon the man.

Perhaps even more than Holmes, I knew enough about India to realize that religious fanaticism and a sense of sacrilege would not only justify any crime but inspire in the devotee a cunning of execution which might well baffle the preconceptions of our Western minds, however experienced in the ways of our fellow-men.

I was considering whether I should open the subject to my companions when my attention was arrested by the low creak of a door hinge. There was not a moment to lose in warning Holmes that a somebody was entering the room. But when I stretched out my hand I was only to find that my friend was no longer beside me.

World Copyright Reserved
This story will continue tomorrow



CHUNDRA LAL stood there looking at . . .

blooded murder," he stated quietly.

His words were followed by a tense silence as we all stared at each other.

"By God, Sir, whom are you accusing?" roared Major Earnshaw. "I'll have you know that there are slander laws in this country."

"Well, well," said Holmes good-humouredly. "I will take you into my confidence, Major, by telling you that my case rests largely on all those broken portions of glass from the french windows which you will perceive. I have gathered up into the fireplace. When I return tomorrow morning to piece them together, I trust that I will then be able to prove my case to your satisfaction. By the way, Inspector Mac, I take it that you eat oysters?"

★ ★ ★

MacDonald's face reddened.

"Mr. Holmes, I have had aye a liking and a respect for ye," he said sharply. "But there are times when it is neither dooce nor seemly in a man to—what the devil have oysters to do with it?"

"Merely that to eat them you would presumably take the oyster fork nearest to hand. The trained observer, surely there would be something significant if you reached instead for the fork beside your neighbour's plate. I give you the thought for what it is worth."

For a long moment MacDonald stared intently at my friend.

"Aye, Mr. Holmes," he said at length. "Verra interesting. I should be glad of your suggestions."

"I would advise that you have the broken window boarded up," replied Holmes. "Apart from that, let nothing be touched until we all meet again tomorrow morning. Come, Watson, I see that it is already past one o'clock. A dish of Calamari alla Siciliano at Fellgrinn's would not come amiss."

★ ★ ★

During the afternoon, I was busy upon my belated medical round, and it was not until the early evening that I found myself once more in Baker Street.

Mrs. Hudson opened the door which led to the back

Parasitic skin disease, itching, eczema etc.

Mitigal

OIL & OINTMENT

Bayer's LEVERKUSEN GERMANY.

THREE

SILENT

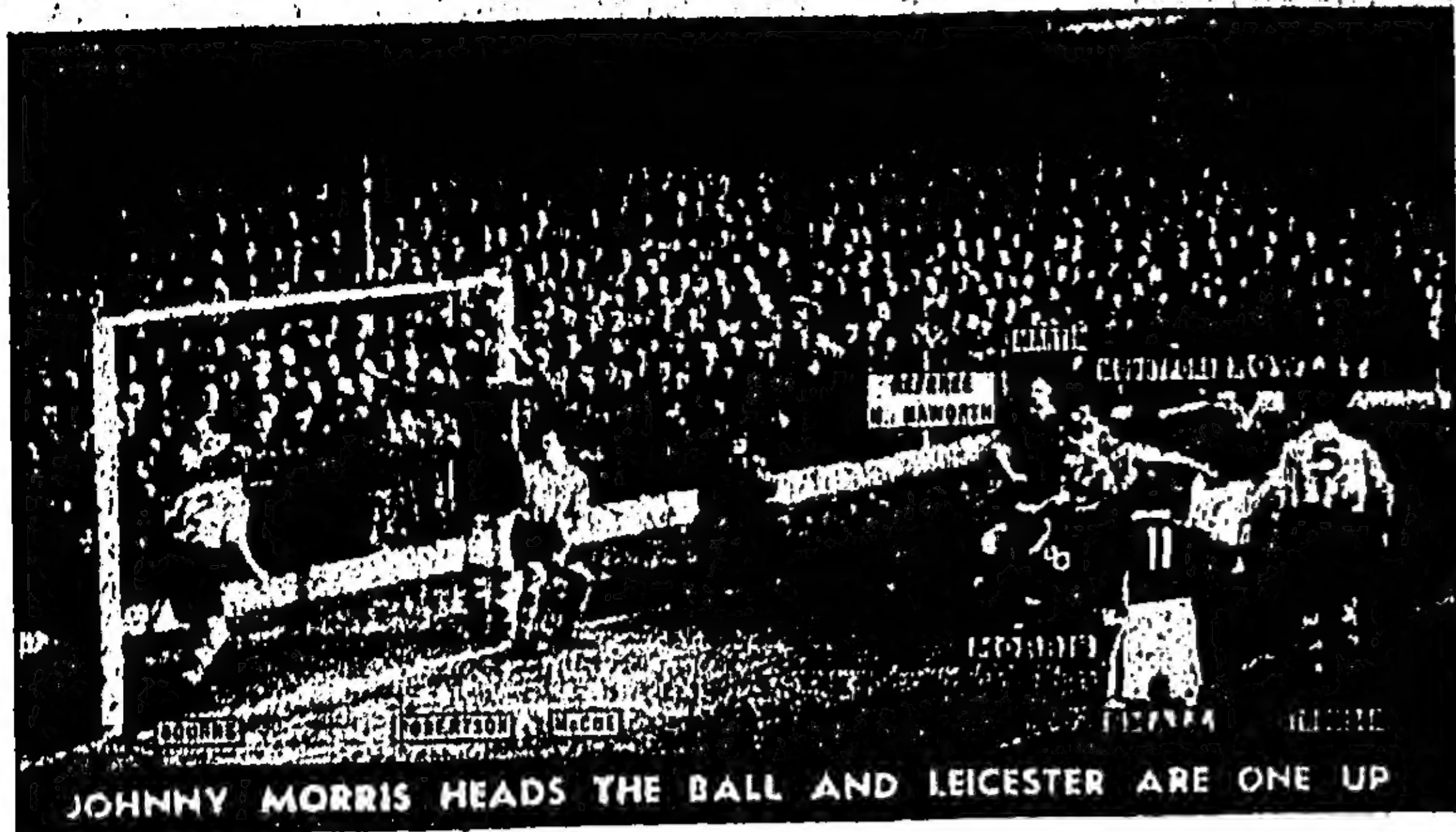
SALESMEN

Largest Morning Circulation

Largest Afternoon Circulation

Largest Sunday Circulation

LEICESTER EDGES STOKES OUT OF THE CUP



JOHNNY MORRIS HEADS THE BALL AND LEICESTER ARE ONE UP

Leicester played Stoke at home in the Football Association Cup fourth round replay. Leicester won the match 3-1 and will now meet Norwich, conquerors of Arsenal, in the fifth round of the Cup at Norwich on February 20.

Picture shows Leicester's first goal, made by 5 ft. 6 ins. Johnny Morris whose mighty leap steered the ball into the roof of the net with a beautifully judged header.—Express Photo.

Australia's Test Cricket Cupboard Not As Well Stocked As A Year Ago

Melbourne, Feb. 14.

A survey of Australia's Test cricket cupboard shows that it is not as well stocked as a year ago, when South Africa won the Fifth Test in Australia, drew the rubber and picked a team which went to England and lost the Ashes.

Lindsay Hassett's retirement has left a double gap as captain and sheet-anchor batsman which will be difficult to fill for the Tests to be played here against England next season.

Australia's dearth of Test class spin bowlers—her pride and joy in the days of Mailey, Grimmett, O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith—is alarming.

The fast pair, Lindwall and Miller, are in the twilight of their careers, and subject to aches and pains on an increasing scale, although they should still make up Test bowlers next season.

To offset the loss of Hassett as batsman, Australia has some talented bats advancing in technique and confidence.

He and the Carey and the all-rounders, Ron Archer and Bernard, have returned from England with improved batting.

In addition, Ray Harvey and Dick Maddocks from Victoria, Len Briggs of New South Wales, and Les Favell of South Australia all have at times shown class batsmanship.

Twenty-eight-year-old Ray Harvey, one of latest Fitzroy (Melbourne) cricketers, brothers and 26-year-old Neil is another.

Left-hander Neil Harvey now ranks as Australia's best batsman. He has the flashing strokes and a watchful defence, but lacks the cold-blooded Bradman concentration to push on ruthlessly to his next century after reaching 100 or 200.

Overall, however, Australia's batting outlook for the next

diamond stage yet, but has possibilities.

Even 18-year-old Ian Craig, a diamond failure on the 1953 English tour, came to light with 93 for New South Wales against South Australia at Adelaide and a gay century in the Hassett testimonial match. But the century—his second in big cricket—was hit in a light-hearted atmosphere, with bowlers, or nearly all of them, waiting victims in their own misadventure.

However, his form this season shows that Craig may yet get back into the Test team. He was not chosen for a Test in England.

The New South Wales captain, Keith Miller, although he played for two centuries in the Hassett match, when nothing was at stake, has stood as a batsman in first-class competitive matches, and nowadays is all the more dangerous for it. His 72 in 191 minutes (eight fours) against Victoria at Melbourne recently revealed a new, and sounder, Miller.

Left-hander Neil Harvey now ranks as Australia's best batsman. He has the flashing strokes and a watchful defence, but lacks the cold-blooded Bradman concentration to push on ruthlessly to his next century after reaching 100 or 200.

Overall, however, Australia's batting outlook for the next

diamond stage yet, but has possibilities.

Home Soccer Standings

Division I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich	30	15	8	7	45	41	41
Wolves	30	15	8	7	45	41	41
Huddersfield	30	14	10	6	34	38	38
Bolton	30	14	10	6	34	38	38
Barnsley	30	17	11	6	48	30	41
Sheff Wed	30	12	11	7	35	43	35
Sheff Utd	30	13	12	5	43	31	38
Sheff Mon	30	14	13	6	44	31	41
Sheff Fri	30	11	10	9	50	30	32
Sheff Sat	30	10	11	9	48	30	31
Sheff Sun	30	11	11	8	48	30	32
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Wed	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Thu	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Fri	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sat	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Sun	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Mon	30	10	14	10	50	30	34
Sheff Tue	30	10	14	10	50	30	34

BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO
 "SZECHUEN" ... Singapore, Penang & ... 10 a.m. 18th Feb.
 "SHENKING" ... Keelung ... 5 p.m. 17th Feb.
 ... Sails from Customs Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM
 "PAKHUI" ... Shanghai ... 21st Feb.
 "HUNAN" ... Tientsin ... 21st Feb.

A.O. LINE LTD./C.N. CO., LTD., JOINT SERVICE

SAILINGS TO
 "CHANGTE" ... Yokohama, Nagoya, ... 5 a.m. 16th Feb.
 "YOKOCHI" & Kobe
ARRIVALS FROM
 "TAIYUAN" ... Kobe ... 22nd Feb.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

	Leaves	Arrives
"ASCANIUS" ... Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Feb.	24th Feb.
"AGAPENOR" ... Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.	24th Feb.
"PELEUS" ... Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Mar.	6th Mar.
"AUTOMEDON" ... Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Mar.	14th Mar.
"ATREUS" ... Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Mar.	24th Mar.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Leaves	Arrives
G. "PELEUS" ... Liverpool	Sailed	In Port H/W
S. "AUTOMEDON" ... do	do	23rd Feb.
G. "ATREUS" ... do	do	27th Feb.
S. "BELLEROPHON" ... do	do	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLOS" ... do	do	15th Mar.
S. "ALCINOUS" ... do	do	25th Mar.
S. "ANTIOCHUS" ... do	do	2nd Apr.
S. "CYCLOPS" ... do	do	7th Apr.

G. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool. Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load and discharge cargo.



DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Arr. H.K.
"RATAAN" ... do	do	do	In Port A-7
"MUNCASTER CASTLE" ... do	do	do	6th Mar.
"TELEMACHUS" ... do	do	do	16th Mar.
"DONA NATI" ... do	do	do	1st Apr.
"MANGALORE" ... do	do	do	25th Apr.

SAILINGS for NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CRISTOBAL and JAPAN

	Leaves	Sails	Arr. H.K.
"DONA AURORA" ... do	17th Feb.	18th Feb.	18th Feb.
"DONA ALICIA" ... do	4th Mar.	5th Mar.	5th Mar.
"RATAAN" ... do	19th Mar.	20th Mar.	20th Mar.

Accept cargo for Kingston and to Central & South America ports on through bills of lading.

Tathay Pacific Airways Ltd.

Route	Depart	Arrive
HK/Singapore	(DC-4) 9.00 a.m. Monday	11.00 a.m. Tuesday
HK/Hongkong/Singapore	(DC-4) 9.00 a.m. Tuesday	11.00 a.m. Wednesday
HK/Marilla/H.N. Borneo	(DC-4) 9.00 a.m. Tue. & Fri.	11.00 a.m. Wednesday
HK/Hanoi/Hatphong	(DC-4) 10.00 a.m. Wednesday	12.00 noon Thursday
HK/Hongkong/Singapore	(DC-4) 7.00 a.m. Thursday	9.00 a.m. Friday
HK/Bangkok/Hatphong/Calcutta	(DC-4) 12.00 noon Friday	2.00 p.m. Saturday

All the above subject to Alteration without notice.

for particulars please apply to:

Butterfield & Swire (Hongkong) Ltd.

1 Connaught Rd. Tel: 3033/8

Branch Office: 50 Connaught Rd. West. Tel: 25875, 32144, 24878

CHINA MAIL

HONGKONG PUBLISHED DAILY (AFTERNOONS)

Price, 20 cents per copy.

Saturdays 30 cents.

Subscriptions: \$8.00 per month.

Postage: China and Korea \$3.00

per month, U.K. British Possessions

and other countries \$7.00 per month.

News contributions, always welcome,

should be addressed to the

Editor, China Mail, 111, Queen's Road,

Kowloon Office: Telephone 5211 (3 Lines).

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

Telephone 5211.

NOTICE

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

Annual Dinner and Dance.
 The Society's Annual
 Dinner and Dance will be
 held in the Peninsula Hotel,
 1st Floor, on St. Patrick's
 Day, Wednesday, 17th March,
 1954.

A circular giving full
 details has been sent to mem-
 bers, but in the event of non-
 delivery, members are
 requested to apply to the Hon.
 Secretary for further copies.

Early application for in-
 vitations should be made as
 numbers will strictly be
 limited. All applications
 must reach the Hon. Secre-
 tary before the 6th March,
 1954.

All Irishmen and women,
 and persons of Irish Associa-
 tion, not yet members, are
 cordially invited to join the
 Society. Membership applica-
 tion forms may be obtained
 from the Hon. Secretary.

D. R. BLAND
 Hon. Secretary,
 P. O. Box 616.

Classified Advertisements

20 WORDS \$4.00

for 1 DAY PREPAID

ADDITIONAL INSERTIONS

10 cents PER WORD OVER 20

Births, Deaths, Marriages,

Personal \$5.00 per insertion

not exceeding 25 words, 25

cents each additional word.

ALTERNATE INSERTIONS

10% EXTRA

If not prepaid a booking fee

of 50 cents is charged.

MUSICAL

LATEST LP arrivals - Island's

Mendels, Acha and Glatzer, Judas

Macabre, Brahms' German Re-

quies, complete Beethoven Quintets

by Brahms, String Quartet (3

albums), Available D. Paces, 4A Des

Yours Road, room 1, 2nd floor, tel.

3016.

FOR SALE

YE OLDE MILL A distinctive hand-

made stationery. In boxes, 50 sheets

notepaper, 50 envelopes, Post \$50

by \$8.50 per box. Duke St. \$11.00

per box from "B. C. M. Post."

TO ADVERTISERS

SUNDAY POST-HERALD

Space for commercial

advertising should be

booked not later than

noon on Wednesdays.

For the SOUTH CHINA

MORNING POST and the

CHINA MAIL 48 hours

before date of publication.

Special Announcements

and Classified Advertisements

as usual.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "CHARTER"

arr. 13th February 1954.

Damaged cargo on this vessel will

be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &

Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon

Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on

Wednesday 17th February, and

Thursday 18th February 1954.

and consignees representatives are

requested to be present during

survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Australasian-oriental Line Ltd.,

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

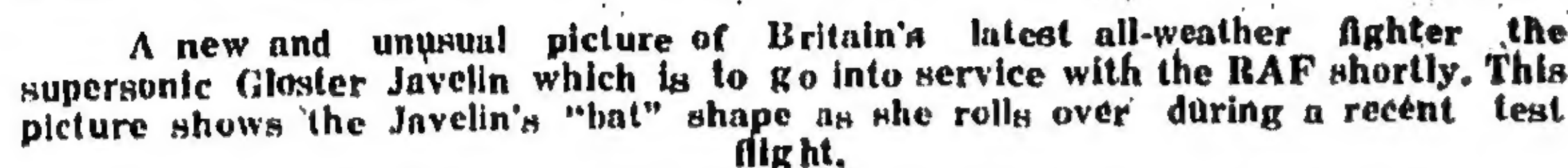
The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd.



America Takes The Lead In The List Of The World's Air Records

Soon to be opened at Coventry is a new wind-tunnel, in which tests can be carried out at two and-a-half times the speed of sound, or about 1,900 m.p.h. sea level.

Below the speed of sound, corrections can be applied to offset this "tunnel interference" factor. But with higher speeds and bigger models, the correction becomes more and more unrealistic.

The scientist added that the volcanic eruption at 77 fathoms deep in the air, another link in the Pacific "circle of fire"—Reuter.

The scientist added that the volcanic eruption at 77 fathoms deep in the air, another link in the Pacific "circle of fire"—Reuter.

be spent on Veterans' Rehabilitation is not to say that nearly \$7,500,000 worth of trade will be lost to Ligonizable.

According to Mr. Maudling: "The actual amount which will

is the thought that Japan will
sponser or palm around for
pre-war trade practices in order
to keep this extra capacity fully
employed that this Japanese
with dread.

repeated protests have been made to the Government but without success and the high export duty is a serious barrier to the future welfare of mining in Malaya.—United Press.

proceedings normally entered by both parties in the form have been simplified and accelerated and the procedure is more expeditious and less costly than in the United States.

Malta to the Government but without success and adds the high export duty is a serious barrier to the future welfare of mining in Malaya.—United Press.

proceedings normally entered by both parties in the form have been simplified and accelerated and the procedure is more expeditious and less costly than in the United States.



OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

"A Mad, Scrambling, Joyful & Colourful Week"

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 12.

It's been a mad, scrambling, joyful and colourful week when normal-day values just don't seem to matter very much, when typists go out "to see the Queen (which generally means an absence of about four hours), when businessmen have given away the thought of doing any serious business until this beautiful young Queen Elizabeth moves on and stirs a million hearts somewhere else.

News, of course, doesn't rate much space today unless it features the Queen, but that doesn't matter much, either, because no one wants to read anything that doesn't concern the Queen.

Last weekend we had to visit the Newcastle coalfields, and had to go to some of the out-and-out mining centres, where the inhabitants are noted for their militant tactics, for their down-to-earth living and over whom always hangs a fairly heavy air of suspicion that their hopes for the future lie more in Moscow than Whitehall.

But these miners started singing the National Anthem at the drop of a hat, they had their little flags and their red, white and blue hanging from their not very pretty homes and one and all they said she "was a grand little woman".

And that seems to be the feeling that is sweeping Australia at the moment — as though we needed some visible sign of our faith — and this is it.

One could, of course, keep writing indefinitely about the Queen in Sydney, but mainly it would be a story of cheering, roaring crowds in a different setting each time. There are one or two unusual points, however....

Heard in a packed street: "I'm not so loyal that I'm prepared to stand next to a pipe band to see the Queen".

In another street: "If they packed sardines in like this they'd have the authorities down on them."

OVERSHADOWED

The New Year celebrations of Sydney's Chinese community coincided with the arrival of the Queen. Normally this is a high spot in Chinese community life here and hundreds view the fireworks display at night.

This year less than a dozen watched the show—for down on the Harbour the Government put on one of the greatest fireworks displays in history in honour of the Queen.

It would not be natural, of course, if politics did not raise their ugly head. Even the Labour State Cabinet members are beginning to complain about the way the Premier, Mr Cahill, shadows the Queen.

They weren't too happy about it when he was scheduled to appear with her eight times, but now he has extended the list and will be with her 14 times.

There is genuine resentment, too, that the Prime Minister of Australia, was not invited to be present at the State Banquet, to the Queen, although various officials of the Labour Party attended.

So successful this been the visit so far that the Federal Cabinet is expected to hold its general election in May—while the memory of it all is still fresh.

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

Grasshoppers up to 12 inches deep are covering almost a million acres in the Upper Hunter Valley, according to Mr K. Muller, secretary of the Upper Hunter Pastures Protection Board.

He said the hoppers were twice as thick as the swarms which destroyed pastures and crops in the area late last year. Mr Muller said more than 1,000 landholders were receiving 170 gallons of poison a day, on the hoppers.

One young farmer said the swarms of hoppers were like "boiling treacle".

Printed and published by WILLIAM ALLEN GARDNER for and on behalf of South China Morning Post Limited at 111, Wyndham Street, City of Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong.

Sentences Reduced By Judge

In a decision given in the Court of Criminal Appeal this morning, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, QC, Puisne Judge, allowed an appeal by Ng Chee-ching, 25, of 41 Berkeley Street, top floor, against sentences totalling two years' hard labour on grounds of severity.

His Lordship reduced the sentences to concurrent terms of one year.

Appellant had pleaded guilty before Mr T. Creedon in Kowloon Court on December 4 last to charges of operating a radio communication station without a licence, possession of radio equipment without a licence, and being the occupier of premises with radio communication equipment which had been installed.

On the first count, appellant was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, on the second he was given six months, and on the third he was fined \$3,000 or 12 months, the terms to run consecutively.

In an application for review subsequently made by Mr J. Way on behalf of the appellant, the Magistrate dismissed the second count.

Appellant therefore appealed against the sentences imposed on the first and third counts.

Mr J. Way again appeared for appellant and Mr D. F. O'Reilly, QC, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown.

THE JUDGMENT

Delivering his decision, Mr Justice Gregg said:

In this case I am satisfied, having carefully considered the sections of the law under which the appellant was charged together with the record of proceedings in the court below, that the interests of justice would have been sufficiently served had charge 3 been treated as an alternative or secondary to charge 1 and a concurrent sentence imposed.

In my view the first offence charged, namely, that of establishing a radio communication station without a licence is the prime offence; and the third offence charged, that of being the occupier of the premises in which the said radio station was installed, is, when committed by the same person, merely alternative or secondary to the first.

That being so, the sentence of 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge will stand; and the sentence on charge 3 will be altered to one six months' imprisonment, with hard labour to run concurrently with the first. Imprisonment to run from the date when the accused was taken into custody, namely, December 4, 1953.

UNLAWFULLY BOARDED SHIPS

For unlawful boarding ships, 310 Kac-hu, 39 and Chai Chai, 43, were fined \$10 each by Mr A. G. Parker, of the Marine Court this morning.

The Police said that the 310 was arrested on board the ship at Buoy 17 and Chai Chai at Buoy 18 and 19, on Friday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You ordered a warm climate for him last winter, doctor? I hope you'll repeat the prescription—the trip did me so much good!"

Magistrate Suggests AG Considers Case

In remanding two sailors charged with assault, Mr Lawrence Leong said this morning at Central, "I am remanding defendants for 24 hours in naval custody because in a recent case, a French sailor, who admitted a charge of assault upon a local resident, but challenged the jurisdiction of this Court to try him, was saved by the Attorney-General who entered a nolle prosequi which compelled this Court to discharge him, although, on authorities of law, this Court had jurisdiction to try him, otherwise the Attorney-General need not have to enter, and this Court would not have jurisdiction to accept such nolle prosequi.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

Below is the summary of this evening's Cantonese lesson to be broadcast over Radio Hong Kong at 6.30 p.m. by Mr S. K. Lee, assisted by Miss Lee Wai-lan and Mr D. C. Bryn:

LESSON 5 BUYING CIGARETTES

Vocabulary and Combinations:
21. daw(1)—Much. Many.
22. say(1)—How much or many?
1. say(2)—How many?
2. say(2)—How many?
3. say(2)—How many?
4. say(2)—How many?
5. say(2)—How many?
6. say(2)—How many?
7. say(2)—How many?
8. say(2)—How many?
9. say(2)—How many?
10. say(2)—How many?
11. say(2)—How many?
12. say(2)—How many?
13. say(2)—How many?
14. say(2)—How many?
15. say(2)—How many?
16. say(2)—How many?
17. say(2)—How many?
18. say(2)—How many?
19. say(2)—How many?
20. say(2)—How many?

General Expressions:
1. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
2. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
3. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
4. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
5. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
6. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
7. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
8. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
9. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
10. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
11. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
12. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
13. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
14. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
15. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
16. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
17. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
18. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
19. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).
20. (1m-goy(1))—Thank you (for something done).

Woman Trapped By Fire

Manila, Feb. 15. A Chinese woman, 35, who was trapped in a fire of still undetermined origin in the Chinese section of Manila.

The lone tally, Ong Kan, wife of Chinese businessman Chua Lam-fong, was trapped in her room in a second floor building.

She was seen waving her hands out from window grills and screaming for help before the burning roof caved in.

A police squad immediately set to work but so far have found no evidence of incendiarism.—United Press.

Alleged Tea Fraud: Today's Evidence

Evidence of the storing and delivery of cases of tea leaves from a godown at West Point was given before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning when hearing was resumed of the case against Chan Tak-shing, alias Chan Wing-kai, 36-year-old Formosan charged with obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud.

According to the Prosecution, the fraud was in connection with a shipment of 5,003 cases of tea supposed to contain 401,400 pounds of first grade Formosan green tea ("Chun Mee") sent by various ships to Casablanca.

The allegation was that the tea cases contained in fact 192,000 pounds of inferior grade tea.

The false pretences charges were (1) that on August 21, 1952, the accused obtained, with intent to defraud, \$125,545.38 for the New China Associated Tea Corporation from the Bank of Indo-China; (2) that he on or about August 16, 1952, fraudulently obtained \$220,083.08 from the Bank of Indo-China; (3) that he on August 26, 1952, obtained \$48,622.88 from the same bank with intent to defraud; (4) that on or about August 23, 1952, he obtained \$230,037.32 from the bank; and (5) that on August 28, 1952, he obtained a further \$187,595.10 with intent to defraud.

Chan was also charged with conspiracy, in that he, between June 25 and September 11, 1952, conspired together with Lam Ming-shui, a salaried Lam Ching-shui, alias Kwong-tau ("Bald-headed") Lam, and other persons not in custody, to defraud such persons as could be induced to part with money by false representations that they were able to supply them with first grade Formosan green tea.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Company, is defending the accused. Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det.-Sub-Inspectors A. Clough and H. C. Hall of the Commercial Crimes Office.

The Kwong-tau, keeper of No. 4 Godown, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., of "Cranraught Road West, this morning gave evidence that on July 14, 1952, 300 cases of tea leaves were stored in his godown. He could not remember who the consignees were, but the cases bore the markings "NOT" on them.

On the 15th, witness continued, someone came to take a sample of that lot of tea. He saw that it was green tea. On the 21st, someone came and took delivery of 128 cases. He did not know the man who came to take delivery.

On July 24, the remaining 172 cases of tea were taken away. On both occasions when delivery was taken of the goods, the cases were taken to the water-front by coolies, packaged, and then loaded onto trucks. The tea went on to say that on August 7, 1952, 600 cases of tea arrived by the ss Wing Sang and stored in the godown. The consignees' name he remembered as the New China Associated Tea Corporation. On the 11th, delivery was taken of this batch of tea.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, inspected the distribution of money to the 50,000 first victims and also visited the site of the new resettlement area at Shok Kip Mei and the Argyle Street fire victims camp this morning.

His Excellency was accompanied by Mr K. Keen, Social Welfare Officer, and Mr P. J. M. Irwin, Assistant Police Commissioner, on his tour.

The distribution of money, collected by the Shok Kip Mei Six Villages Emergency Relief Committee, started at 9 a.m. today when representatives of the various families collected \$15 for each victim together with the morning meals supplied by the Social Welfare Office. The distribution took place both at the Maple Street Shumshuipo Social Welfare Centre and the Boundary Street Army Recreation ground.

His Excellency arrived at Maple Street at about 6.30 a.m. and was met by Mr Keen, Mr C. N. Li, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, and many members of the various Kai Fong Associations.

His Excellency stopped at a few tables where money was distributed and watched the representatives collecting the money, while Mr Keen and members of the Kai Fong Associations explained the procedure.

RESETTLEMENT HUTS
The Governor then left for Shok Kip Mei where he was met by the Hon. T. L. Bowring, Director of Public Works, and inspected the semi-temporary resettlement huts. He mounted the cement steps onto the first floor of one row of the huts and paused at the corridor overlooking Berkeley Street while hundreds of pedestrians looked on.

Arriving at Boundary Street, the Governor showed keen interest as a Police photographer took a picture of a family. The picture was part of the registration procedure, and the family will later be given a hut in the resettlement area.

The family smiled at the Governor when he arrived in the tent and the Governor decided to take their picture with members of the Kai Fong Associations. A strip of blackboard with a Social Welfare Office number was placed in front of the group.

Flashlights carried the light of a score of Press photographers took photographs of this interesting scene.

The Governor was then conducted to another tent where registration of victims was being carried out. He saw the names of the victims of the fire on a list.

What's His Lie? Solution.
GROSS INDECORUM
All these importunities however we should have passed without notice, but for a very gross indecorum towards Colonel Marshall and ourselves. Knowing that we were on friendly terms with that gentleman, it is assumed that we are as prying as our contemporaries, and must have forced out all his proceedings and grounds of action and in order to show the opportunities we must have had, the readers of the Register are told that, "Colonel Marshall accepted our hospitalities for a few days before his departure from the Colony." The Register then goes on to say—

From the Files 100 Years Ago

The Hongkong Register in its last number indulges in a tirade against the Mail, and its alleged lies and dislikes, which might be greatly simplified to our contemporaries, were they to give us a little credit for discussing measures irrespective of persons. Mr Cunningham and Mr Spooner are lumped in as special pets of ours, the only evidence we have offered being that, with respect to the first, we held his word to be more credible than that of the rogue Liu Le-chun; and as to the latter, we said, what the Notification from the Canton British Consulate now published substantiated, that he was the first to enforce the reception of Mexican Dollars upon the Hopo and Shofu by allowing a vessel to report before the duties were adjusted.

The praise we gave Mr Harry Parkes, it seems, was actuated merely by a desire to contrast his zeal with Sir George Bonham's indifference; but our contemporary does not deny the justice of the characterisation, which is the main point. And he leaves entirely out of view that in the opinions he has expressed on the questions of duties, non-intervention, and the right to do wrong in the "foreign settlement" at Shanghai, Sir George Bonham has had no warmer approver than ourselves; the only thing wanting being the enforcement of his opinions, despite both Merchants and Consuls, whether British, American, or French.

GROSS INDECORUM

All these importunities however we should have passed without notice, but for a very gross indecorum towards Colonel Marshall and ourselves. Knowing that we were on friendly terms with that gentleman, it is assumed that we are as prying as our contemporaries, and must have forced out all his proceedings and grounds of action and in order to show the opportunities we must have had, the readers of the Register are told that, "Colonel Marshall accepted our hospitalities for a few days before his departure from the Colony." The Register then goes on to say—

"With our contemporary's private hospitalities we have nothing to do, but when public property, in the shape of an American Plenipotentiary or the Queen of England, goes into a private house, the public have a strong and important curiosity to follow their property, and know what it there does and says. We have little of that curiosity, and would willingly leave both the American Plenipotentiary and Her Most Gracious Majesty at the door, step of any private residence into which they might enter; but it is thought to be strange that the host should know so little of his guest," etc.

NOT TRUE

Such a prudent "spirit of meddling with domestic privacy" we thought had been peculiar to one paper in China; but even it has seldom matched the present instance, which would not have been a wink more excusable if true to the letter. But what will be thought of it when we state that it is not true; for Colonel Marshall came from Canton by the Mail steamer on the 25th January, slept the night of his stay at the American Consulate, and started next day by the Ganges for Alexandria. To be sure the evening before he was in our house along with some other friends; but we take them to witness that "diplomatic conversation was not trumps. We never saw him again except during a hurried goodbye on board the Ganges, just as she was on the point of starting."

ALLEGED CORRUPTION

Hearing of the case against a 31-year-old Sanitary Department coolie, Hung Lung, charged with "corruption," will be heard before Mr. Justice at the Central on April 22 and 23 at 2.30 p.m.
It is alleged that on February 11 the defendant received \$15 from Tam Kuen, for not reporting in a Sanitary Department Inspector about Tam's dried meat business.
(The defendant, who is in jail at present, is a resident of 10, 11, & 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.)